

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 99-27

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CAL-LEARN COORDINATORS
AFLP CASE MANAGEMENT AGENCIES

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☒ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☐ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: EXPIRATION OF THE FEDERAL WAIVER FOR THE CAL-LEARN PROGRAM

REFERENCE: COUNTY FISCAL LETTER #98/99-66

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties that there are revised time study and fiscal claiming instructions for the Cal-Learn Program because the federal waiver, under which California implemented the program, expired on March 31, 1999.

Cal-Learn Background

Assembly Bill 2772 (Chapter 902, Statutes of 1998) Section 11334.2 changed the status of the Cal-Learn Program from the five-year federal demonstration project to a permanent program. The expiration of the federal waiver creates an inconsistency between the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) requirements and state law in the treatment of Cal-Learn teens. Federal requirements specify that a state shall not use TANF funds to provide assistance to a teen parent who has not graduated from high school or the equivalent, and is not participating in an educational or approved training activity.

Effective April 1, 1999, Cal-Learn teen parents who are subject to the \$100 sanction for inadequate progress will be ineligible for TANF funding. However, these teens are eligible for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility for Kids (CalWORKs) State-only funding. This TANF funding ineligibility includes the entire Assistance Unit (AU) that contains a Cal-Learn teen parent who is receiving the \$100 sanction. Therefore, these cases will be funded as State-only cases. Child care reimbursement for the sanctioned Cal-Learn teen parent will also be processed as State-only.

Cal -Learn Demonstration Project Counties (Alameda, Los Angeles, San Bernardino and San Joaquin)

While the funding source for all sanctioned teens is required to change due to the expiration of the federal waiver, no changes to the research aspect of the demonstration project should occur. Cal-Learn teens participating in the evaluation will remain in their research condition until notified by the Department's Research and Evaluation Branch. However, these Cal-Learn teen parents are still treated as State-only funded cases if they receive a \$100 sanction.

Fiscal Instructions

Instructions for the revised time study are contained in County Fiscal Letter (CFL) #98/99-66. Revised fiscal claiming instructions will follow in the June 1999 CFL.

If you have any Cal-Learn Program questions, you may contact Dennis Ragasa, Program Analyst, at (916) 654-1063 or ATSS 464-1063.

Sincerely,

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